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SUBJECT: ROUNDING OF REPORTING RATES OF EXCHANGE

1. A REVIEW OF THE DISBURSING ACTIVITY FOR ARGENTINA FOR JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 1973 REVEALS THAT THE RATES OF EXCHANGE FOR DISBURSEMENTS WERE CONSISTENTLY HIGHER THAN THE RATES OF EXCHANGE ACQUIRED WHEN PESOS WERE PURCHASED COMMERCIALY WITH U.S. DOLLARS. A CURSORY REVIEW SHOWS THAT 9.93/1.00 DOLS WAS THE RATE USED FOR DISBURSEMENTS IN DECEMBER 1973, WHEREAS, THE OPEN MARKET PURCHASE RATE RECEIVED IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1973 WAS NOT 9.93/1.00 DOLS BUT 9.9256/1.00 DOLS FOR NOVEMBER AND 9.9250/1.00 DOLS FOR PURCHASES MADE IN DECEMBER.

2. IT IS TREASURY'S PRACTICE TO APPROVE ROUNDING ONLY TO THE FOURTH PLACE TO THE RIGHT OF THE DECIMAL. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY COMMENCE USING RATES ROUNDED ACCORDINGLY E.G. 9.9256 AND 9.9250. RUSH

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